

ANNUAL REPORT  
*for the fiscal year  
ending March 31, 1999*

Department of  
Housing and  
Municipal Affairs

**During this reporting period**

Minister  
Honourable Angus MacIsaac

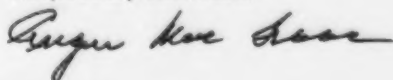
Deputy Minister  
Brian Stonehouse

The Honourable J. James Kinley  
Lieutenant-Governor  
Province of Nova Scotia

May it Please Your Honour:

I have the honour to present to you the 1998-99 annual report for the  
Department of Housing and Municipal Affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

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Angus MacIsaac  
Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs



The Honourable Angus MacIsaac  
Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs

Mr. Minister:

I am pleased to present you with the annual report of the Department of Housing and Municipal Affairs for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1999.

The report provides an overview of our departmental strategy to foster strong, healthy, more prosperous communities throughout Nova Scotia. It also provides a detailed outline of each division's accomplishments.

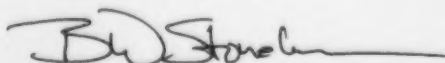
The past year has been one of great challenges and successes for the department.

The Municipal Government Act (MGA) came into effect April 1, 1999, consolidating and modernizing legislation governing municipalities. Once again Assessment Services delivered proposed assessment notices to commercial and residential property owners whose assessments increased by more than 3 per cent. This offered property owners a six-month period in which they could speak informally with the department about their proposed assessment. One of the benefits seen from this improved consultation process is the decrease of appeals by 22 per cent.

We restructured housing authorities, consolidating 18 into 7 regional authorities. This move improved service and saved money, which we reinvested into public housing for Nova Scotians. Our Land Information Services group completed the Nova Scotia Property Records Database and mapping. For the first time, we now have a complete record of every parcel of land in the province, which is continually being updated.

The coming year is certain to bring more challenges and even greater opportunities. Our services will continue to evolve as the needs of our communities change. We will persist in finding new and more effective ways of serving Nova Scotians.

Respectfully submitted,

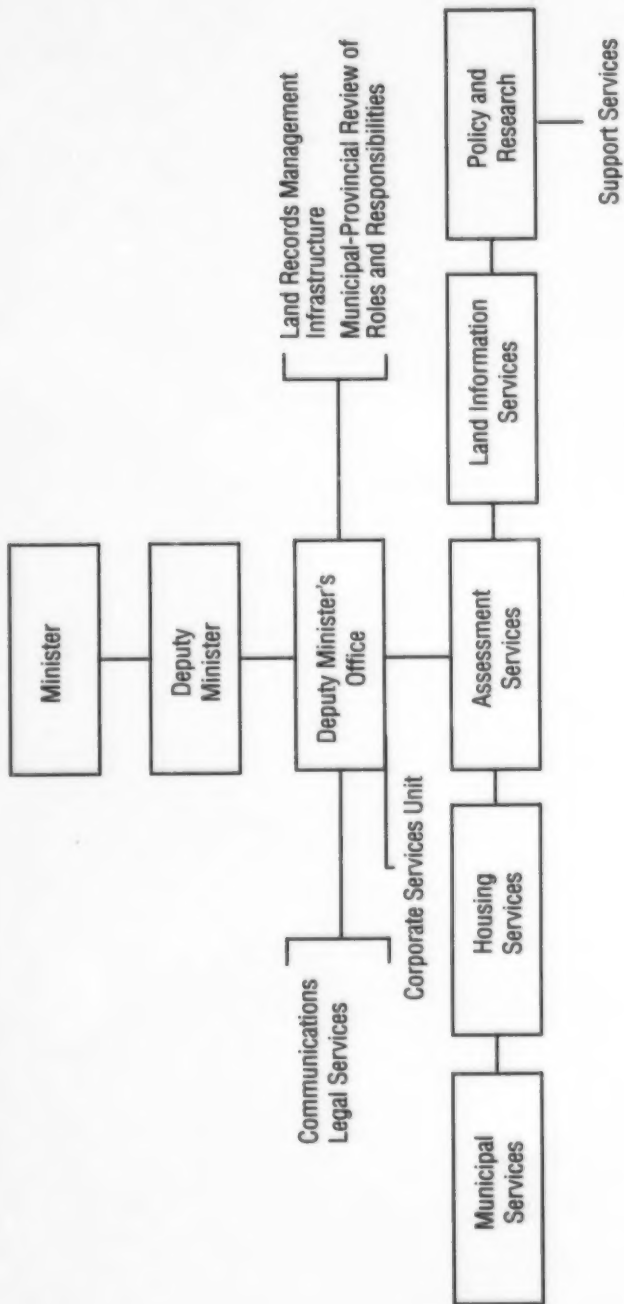
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Brian Stonehouse  
Deputy Minister



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## OVERVIEW

The Department of Housing and Municipal Affairs fosters strong, viable communities throughout Nova Scotia. It does so by supporting and promoting effective local government, equitable property assessment, an integrated provincial land information system, and adequate, affordable housing.

The department delivers its programs and services through four operating divisions: Land Information Services, Housing Services, Assessment Services, and Municipal Services. With a staff of approximately 500 and 37 offices throughout the province, we have a presence from Yarmouth to Sydney, operating Registries of Deeds, regional land information centres, and assessment and housing offices in each county.

Strong municipal government is essential for the economic, social, and environmental health of all Nova Scotians. The department represents the municipalities to the provincial government and in turn represents provincial interests to municipalities. DHMA provides advisory service to municipal staff and elected officials, delivers capital and other grant programs, and provides the legislative framework in which municipalities operate.

The department plays a major part in supporting the revenue base of municipalities by providing uniform property assessment. Highly trained and qualified staff assess over half a million properties in Nova Scotia. Each municipality is provided with an assessment roll that lists the value of every property in its jurisdiction. This information is used to calculate the municipal tax base to pay for policing, water treatment, road clearing and repairs, and other local services.

The department also supports communities by providing information, including maps, on all of Nova Scotia's land holdings and real estate transactions. Accurate land information is essential for managing the province's natural resources and for implementing new services, such as 911 emergency response. The department is the provincial focus for all land-related information; it is directly responsible for developing land-related databases, including topographic maps and property ownership records, for developing new partnerships and applications for geographic information products, and for operating the real and personal property registration systems in the province.

Healthy communities have healthy, affordable housing for their citizens. Through the delivery of provincial and federal/provincial home repair assistance and other housing programs, the department helps Nova Scotians

to remain in their own homes and provides employment to the housing sector throughout the province. The department also administers federal social housing programs and maintains the 13,000-unit social housing portfolio, which is an important source of affordable housing for seniors and low-income Nova Scotians.

### **MISSION**

To provide leadership and service in support of effective local government; equitable property assessments; adequate, affordable housing; and an integrated land information system.

### **STRATEGIC GOALS**

- to foster strong, effective municipalities in their delivery of local services
- to support the provision and maintenance of safe, adequate, affordable housing
- to provide integrated, accessible geographic information and real and personal property registration for the benefit of all Nova Scotians

**PERFORMANCE FOR 1998-99****MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT****Strategic Goals**

- to represent municipal interests within the province and provincial interests to municipalities
- to support municipalities and their delivery of local services through advice and assistance
- to effectively deliver capital assistance and grant programs to municipalities

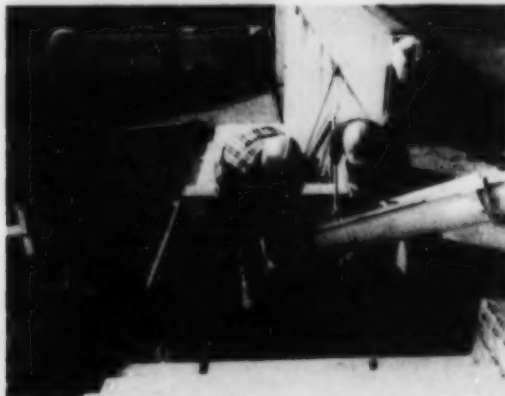
Financially, environmentally, and socially healthy municipalities provide good places to live and to invest. To foster strong municipalities the department has achieved the following:

- The Municipal Government Act (MGA) was passed in November 1998 and came into effect April 1, 1999. This new legislation modernized and consolidated legislation governing municipalities and replaced 20 separate statutes including the Planning Act. For the first time all municipalities in Nova Scotia are governed by the same piece of legislation. To assist in the understanding and interpretation of the act, a Resource Binder, including interpretive guidelines, was developed.



Municipal Government Act Resource Binder

- Five statements of provincial interest (drinking water, flood risk areas, agricultural land, housing, and infrastructure) were adopted as an integral part of the MGA. These statements are intended to identify and protect the province's interest in the use and development of our land resources.
- In partnership with the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities the department launched and completed the Issue Identification Phase of the Municipal-Provincial Roles and Responsibilities Review. Focus groups were held with all municipalities, villages, and provincial departments, and 60 issues were identified. Committees were formed to analyse the issues and develop recommendations.
- The department set up joint committees with the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities and the Association of Municipal Administrators to meet regularly to discuss common concerns and to promote partnerships with each other.
- Municipal Services negotiated a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with municipal units to phase out municipal contributions for social services.
- The department fully funded the equalization grant to municipalities, an increase of approximately \$5 million.
- Municipal Services continued to administer the Canada/Nova Scotia Infrastructure Works Program. The program's goal is to improve core municipal infrastructure and enhance economic opportunities in Nova Scotia. The department disburses \$10.2 million of federal and provincial funding to approved projects. A second round of funding for public school infrastructure was announced in June 1998 under this program.



Streets and sidewalks throughout Yarmouth got a facelift in 1998 with the help of funding under the Canada/Nova Scotia Infrastructure Works Program.

- Municipal Services committed \$1.289 million in financial assistance to 12 priority municipal infrastructure projects through the Provincial Capital Assistance Program (PCAP).
- The division participated in the Provincial/Territorial Committee on Building Standards and worked with the National Research Council and other provinces/territories on the development of an Objective Based Model Building Code for Canada. We held a stakeholder's meeting to inform building officials and the local industry of potential changes and to allow input into implementation options for an Objective Based Building Code in Nova Scotia.
- In cooperation with the Department of Agriculture and Marketing, and following from the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by our two departments, the division began preparing a discussion paper on agricultural land.
- Municipal Services carried out the first phase of a study on urban development in rural areas (UDIRA), aimed at locating areas of recent, concentrated, unserved development in Nova Scotia.
- In cooperation with municipalities, the division digitally mapped municipal polling districts for rural and regional municipalities in the province.
- Municipal Services added nine properties to the provincial Registry of Heritage Properties.



St. George's Church, a provincially registered heritage property, was struck by fire in 1994. The department through the Canada/Nova Scotia Infrastructure Works Program contributed to the restoration of the 194-year-old church. The church's beautiful and distinctive features were restored. It is again one of the most significant landmarks in Halifax.

## **ASSESSMENT SERVICES**

### **Strategic Goal**

- to deliver a uniform and efficient system for assessing the value of properties throughout Nova Scotia

The department has a major role in supporting the revenue base of each municipality by providing a timely, consistent, high quality, and defendable annual assessment. We did so by achieving the following:

- Assessment Services provided an equitable 1999 assessment roll to municipalities for use in preparing their budgets for services provided to taxpayers. The total dollar value of assessed properties in Nova Scotia was \$41,897,576,771.
- The division sent 533,509 assessment notices to property owners across the province.
- For the third year Assessment Services provided proposed 1999 assessment values to Nova Scotia property owners in the summer. The division mailed 30,000 proposed notices to property owners whose 1999 assessment increased by more than 3 per cent. Other property owners were notified through newspaper advertising that their proposed assessment values were available. A call centre with a toll-free number was established to handle inquiries. We gave property owners five months during which they could speak informally with the department about their assessment. This allowed us to take over 14,000 inquiries in the four-week period after the mailing and talk to property owners about how their proposed property value was determined. This was accomplished before the 21-day appeal period in January.
- The division implemented a Provincial Assessment Inspection Program on September 1, 1998, resulting in \$45.5 million dollars of new assessment for the 1999 assessment roll.
- Assessment services introduced a statistical software, SPSS, and spent over 1300 staff hours in training. This software allows us to conduct in-depth statistical analysis on market data to assist valuation and to improve the accuracy of assessments.
- The above measures helped to reduce the number of assessment appeals from almost 19,000 in 1998 to just under 15,000 in 1999.

- The department strengthened its partnership with assessment jurisdictions in other Atlantic provinces by initiating cooperative programs such as environmental workshops aimed at promoting standardized policies and training.
- Assessment Services conducted follow-up surveys with callers to reveal that 71 per cent of clients contacted were satisfied with the service provided by the Assessment Information Line. This is up from 58 per cent in 1996. As outlined in the chart below satisfaction levels were very high.

	1997 proposed Sum. '96	1997 formal Jan. '97	1998 proposed Sum. '97	1998 formal Jan. '98	1999 proposed Sum. '98	1999 formal Jan. '99
No. notices sent	130,000	512,000	24,000	515,000	30,000	533,000
No. inquiries	14,000	32,000	16,000	15,000	14,000	18,000
No. appeals	n/a	27,443	n/a	18,615	n/a	14,747

#### Satisfaction levels

Call centre's ability						
to answer	56%	57%	60%	64%	65%	75%
Assessor's ability						
to answer	62%	55%	63%	66%	60%	84%
Response time	49%	70%	80%	77%	61%	75%
Call centre in general	48%	68%	82%	82%	92%	95%

## **HOUSING SERVICES**

### **Strategic Goals**

- to develop and deliver provincial housing programs and administer the social housing portfolio to provide safe, affordable, and adequate housing
- to plan, develop, and sell land in the provincial residential land assemblies

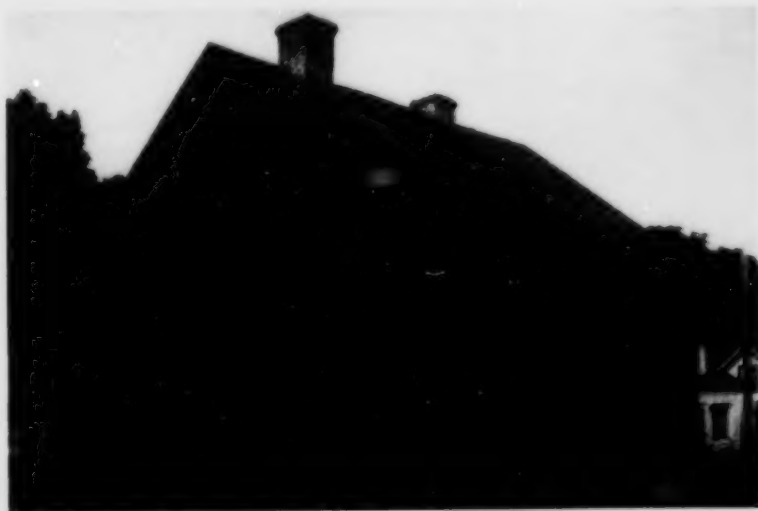
Safe, adequate, affordable housing protects and enhances the quality of life of Nova Scotians and provides the environment needed to effectively deliver other social programs, such as home care and education. To promote safe, adequate housing for Nova Scotians the department accomplished the following:

- Housing Services delivered \$12.3 million through both the federal-provincial Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP) and provincial home repair programs to help 2,687 households in need with essential home repairs. This included an extraordinary RRAP allocation from the federal government of \$3.1 million.
- The division delivered \$346,398 through the federal-provincial Home Adaptations for Seniors' Independence Program (HASI) to help 149 senior households undertake renovations to enable them to continue to live in their own homes.
- Housing Services continued to work with the Native Council of Nova Scotia in the delivery of the Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program.
- As part of the Canada/Nova Scotia 1997 Social Housing Agreement, the department assumed administrative responsibility for overseeing the property management contract with Ki'Knu Housing Commission, a subsidiary of the Native Council of Nova Scotia. This involves about 1,130 ownership and 697 rental rural and native housing units in Nova Scotia.



- The department administered the federal-provincial public housing budget of \$88.3 million for 12,400 public housing units (this does not include the administration of the social housing programs, i.e., non-profits and co-ops, transferred to the province under the Canada/ Nova Scotia 1997 Social Housing Agreement). Major initiatives included:
  - completing the restructuring of the 18 housing authorities into 7 regional housing authorities in order to improve the effectiveness of the services provided
  - reducing costs and re-investing funds saved in public housing
  - undertaking \$6.4 million in needed improvements and repairs to the province's rent-to-income social housing facilities
  - creating 582 short-term jobs in winter and summer works programs.
- After the fire at Sunrise Manor in December 1998, Housing Services reviewed emergency preparedness for senior citizen public housing apartment buildings across the province. The report noted that the standards of fire safety and preparedness of the seniors' buildings and staff are high. It made four recommendations that staff immediately began to implement. The recommendations are:
  - to establish formal monitoring systems to ensure that fire detection systems, sprinkler systems, and emergency lighting are promptly repaired
  - to make every effort to have the local fire service participate in fire drills and fire education with the building residents
  - to develop an emergency preparedness manual for all housing authorities
  - to install a sprinkler system in both Sunrise Manor in Metro and Cumberland Manor in Amherst (the two high-rise buildings that do not have sprinklers).
- The division installed services for 14 acres and sold 100 lots in the government's residential subdivisions.
- Housing Services maintained partnerships with various organizations and community-based groups to provide support services to meet the changing needs of seniors in selected senior citizens' housing projects.

- The department hired consultants to undertake a physical needs assessment of the province's public housing portfolio. The results will be used to develop a renewed capital works plan to upgrade the public housing stock. This renewal (i.e., maintaining the province's assets) will ensure that this housing stock will continue to provide safe, adequate, and affordable housing in the years to come.
- In March 1999 the department gave \$1.2 million to help refurbish the public housing stock in the Sydney area.
- In April 1998 the department issued the final version of *Housing for Tomorrow: New Directions for Social Housing*, which sets out a provincial social housing strategy for the next five years.
- The annual Home Awards Competition attracted 35 entries from across the province, which were judged in five categories: home unit design, home construction or delivery innovation, home renovation/rehabilitation, historical restoration, and energy efficiency or alternative energy.



Lennox Tavern on Fox Street in Lunenburg won in the historical restoration category of the 1998 Nova Scotia Home Awards.

## **LAND INFORMATION SERVICES**

### **Strategic Goals**

- to develop and implement policies and standards for the provincial land information system.
- to promote the use of provincial geographic information and the provincial land information system
- to deliver survey, mapping, and other geographical information products and services to provincial departments, municipalities, and the public
- to deliver a real and personal property registration system

We need accurate, meaningful, geographic information to effectively administer and use one of the province's most important natural resources—land. To help ensure proper use of this vital and limited resource, the department has achieved the following:

- In 1998, through a partnership involving the federal government and other provincial departments, the department completed a provincial network that saw 150 highly accurate survey control points positioned and measured using global positioning satellite receivers. They were located throughout the province at a recommended spacing of 20 to 25 kilometres. This is the latest in an ongoing process to improve the provincial coordinate referencing system.
- Provincial coverage for the 1:10,000 Nova Scotia Topographic Mapping Series (NSTDB) was completed early in 1998, and such mapping products as planimetric features, digital elevation models, and contoured digital data products are now available for the entire province.
- Through partnerships with the Department of Transportation and Public Works, Halifax Regional Municipality, and the Town of Truro, the Land Information Services Division completed work on the urban mapping component of the NSTDB.
- By March 31, 1999, the 1:50,000 NSTDB Coastal Mapping Series was 50 per cent finished, with full provincial coverage scheduled for completion in 2000–01. This mapping integrates offshore water features from Canadian hydrographic charts, such as depths and shoals, with the land-related features of the Nova Scotia 1:10,000 land-based maps. This new coastal series should be completed and available in 2000 for distribution in a digital format and/or as "plot on demand" paper maps.

- The Nova Scotia Property Records Database and mapping was completed across the province in 1998. It is regularly updated to reflect changes in property ownership recorded at the Registry of Deeds offices throughout the province. All ownership documents registered in Nova Scotia are now being indexed to a parcel of land.
- The division launched Internet-based access to the Nova Scotia Property Records Database in early 1998. It has been positively received, with over 180 licensed users by March 1999.
- In 1998-99, Land Information Services tested a technical concept for converting paper-based civic addressing information into a digital format and then linking these civic addresses to the digital maps of the province. This was done through a pilot project carried out in the Springhill/Amherst/Tidnish area in Cumberland County. The Nova Scotia Civic Address File (NSCAF) pilot project tested the data models, verified data collection methodologies across the province, and identified issues that needed to be addressed before the NSCAF is implemented.
- Through the Nova Scotia Standards Program the department continues to support wide and varied mapping programs including the civic addressing initiative. The standards that were developed for the civic addressing pilot project were modified, based in part upon the actual data collection methods employed during the pilot. These standards have been reviewed by over 130 pilot project individuals and participating agencies and will be applied in a future civic addressing program rollout.
- Progress in the development of the Land Records Management Infrastructure (LRMI) continued in 1998-99. LRMI is a comprehensive program to streamline the management of public records about interests in land. Regional property ownership data has been consolidated into a provincial database and made available via the Internet; back years of grantee/grantor indices have been digitized through private sector contracts as part of a continuing process to strengthen the link between the parcel identifier and the assessment account number. The software development phase of the LRMI is under review in light of current requirements of the department, private sector partner, NovaLIS Technologies, and other municipal partners.

- The division continued to provide technical support to other provincial departments and municipalities that use geographic information to support their daily business functions and decision making. Projects during 1998–99 included site selection for Justice correctional facilities, mapping municipal water supply areas, general support for digital mapping at the Electoral Office, use of remote sensing at Agriculture and Marketing for crop identification, and creation of a provincial street centreline database to support automated ambulance dispatch.
- The new Registry 2000 initiative, intended to reform Nova Scotia's 250-year-old land registration system, continued throughout 1998–99. In February 1999, a report was completed on land titles legislation that existed in other common law jurisdictions, with recommendations on how land titles legislation might be implemented in Nova Scotia. A proposal to launch the first phase of a comprehensive reform of the current registry system was developed and approval to proceed granted on March 31, 1999. This phase will include the preparation of a discussion paper in legislative form for widespread input from stakeholders and the public across the province.
- The department contracted out approximately \$1.5 million of geomatics-related work for the development of Nova Scotia primary land information databases. Contracting-out efforts are supported by the Nova Scotia Map Fund, which allows recoveries generated through the sale of geographic products to be applied directly toward contracting out the acquisition and maintenance of primary geographic databases.

**DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES (\$000)****1996-99 Estimate    1998-99 Actual****OPERATING EXPENDITURES****Administration**

Office of the Minister/Deputy	402.0	545.2
Legal Services	331.0	312.2
Internal Audit	144.0	125.5
LRMI	1,405.0	388.8
Policy, Development & Research	315.0	231.3
<b>Net Administration</b>	<b>2,597.0</b>	<b>1,603.0</b>

**Municipal Services**

Administration	460.0	338.7
Planning Services	560.0	545.1
Heritage	404.0	375.0
Advisory Services	641.0	570.6
Municipal Grants—Operating	21,803.0	21,262.3
Municipal Grants—Capital	2,850.0	2,847.5
Municipal Grants—Taxes	15,415.0	15,097.4
Local Government Studies	150.0	292.2
Other Grants	2,300.0	2,385.2
Development Services	435.0	401.7
<b>Net Municipal Services</b>	<b>45,018.0</b>	<b>44,116.0</b>

**Support Services**

Administration	485.0	503.3
Management Information Systems	395.0	527.3
Implementation	305.0	76.4
<b>Net Support Services</b>	<b>1,185.0</b>	<b>1,107.0</b>

**Land Information Services**

Property Registration/Central	1,223.0	956.9
Property Registration/Eastern	1,213.0	1,289.5
Property Registration/Northern	948.0	1,063.6
Property Registration/Southern	898.0	1,011.5
Property Registration/Western	998.0	982.8
Land Information Management Services	2,839.0	971.7
Nova Scotia Geomatics Centre	1,570.0	2,926.0
<b>Net Land Information Services</b>	<b>9,689.0</b>	<b>9,201.5</b>

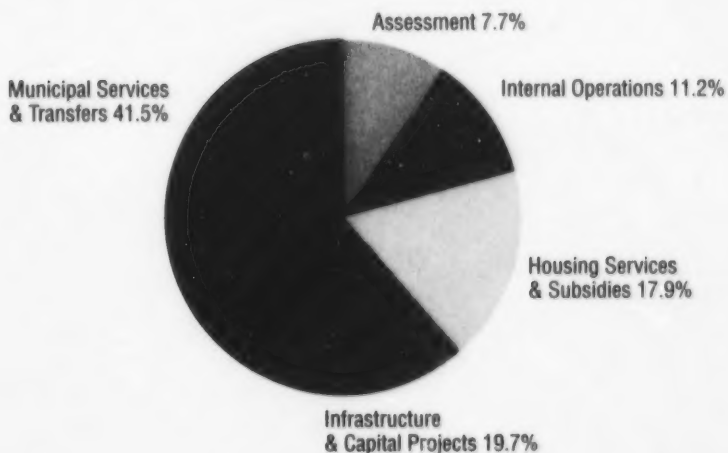
**DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES (continued)**

	<b>1998-99 Estimate</b>	<b>1998-99 Actual</b>
<b>Assessment Services</b>		
Administration/Assessment Act	2,261.0	2,644.2
Assessment Appeal Process	179.0	163.8
Regional Assessment Offices	7,632.0	7,460.0
<b>Net Assessment Services</b>	<b>10,072.0</b>	<b>10,268.7</b>
<b>Housing Services</b>		
Administration-Housing Services	343.0	223.9
Program Administration	424.0	408.8
Cape Breton Region Office	752.0	632.9
Central Region Office	829.0	744.6
Metro Region Office	814.0	664.9
Western Region Office	823.0	763.8
Operational Support Services	746.0	746.1
Land Development Studies	611.0	571.4
Recoverables and Changables	(3,026.0)	(4,958.4)
<b>Net Housing Services</b>	<b>2,316.0</b>	<b>(202.0)</b>
<b>Subsidies</b>		
Public Housing Subsidies	6,754.0	8,892.2
Home Ownership Program	509.0	324.7
Rural/Native Program	800.0	489.6
Home Repair Program Grants	3,257.0	3,576.6
Sundry	148.0	370.5
Rent Supplement Program	1,150.0	1,158.6
RRAP Homeowner Subsidies	1,052.0	1,223.8
Provision for Doubtful Accounts	0	3,238.0
<b>Net Subsidies</b>	<b>14,293.0</b>	<b>19,274.0</b>
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>		
Municipal Grants Act	9,756.0	9,756.0
Provincial Capital Assistance	1,402.0	863.1
Urban Transportation	417.0	190.9
Canada/Nova Scotia Infrastructure Works	10,585.0	10,150.0
<b>Net Capital Expenditures</b>	<b>22,160.0</b>	<b>20,960.0</b>

**DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES (continued)**

	1998-99 Estimate	1998-99 Actual
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>		
<b>Total Net Expenditures</b>	<b>107,330.0</b>	<b>106,327.8</b>
Total Net Program Expenditures, which agree with the supplementary detail of the 1999-2000 budget.		
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>9,800.8</b>	<b>9,594.0</b>
<b>Net Departmental Expenditures</b>		
Internal Operations	11,911.3	
Assessment	10,267.7	
Municipal Services & Transfers	44,116.4	
Housing Services and Subsidies	19,072.3	
Infrastructure & Capital Projects	20,960.1	
	<b>106,327.8</b>	

**Department Net Expenditures 1998-99**  
**Total Net Expenditures: \$106.3 M**





**1999 ASSESSMENT ROLL DATA**

(As filed December 31, 1998)

<b>Classifications Occurrences</b>	<b>Number of Value</b>	<b>Assessed  (dollars)</b>
Residential (Taxable)	382,222	25,235,002,600
Commercial (Taxable)	21,440	5,070,977,200
Commercial Equipment (Taxable)	731	216,060,600
Resource (Taxable)	82,910	939,766,800
Business Occupancy (Taxable)	23,070	1,858,549,071
Farm	22,884	292,804,300
Forest	50,881	675,657,800
Non-profit	131	17,756,400
Total Taxable Assessment		33,365,356,271
Total Exempt Assessment		8,532,220,500
<b>Total</b>		<b>41,897,576,771</b>
No. of Dwelling Units		406,592
No. of Accounts		533,509
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Residential</b>	<b>Commercial</b>
No. of Appeals Filed	12,861	1,894
No. of Appeals to Court	3,056	575
Transfers	35,913	
Sales	13,640	293
Subdivision Plans	2,154	
Building Permits	17,945	1,401
Business Occupancies	24,556	

**GRANT PROGRAMS**

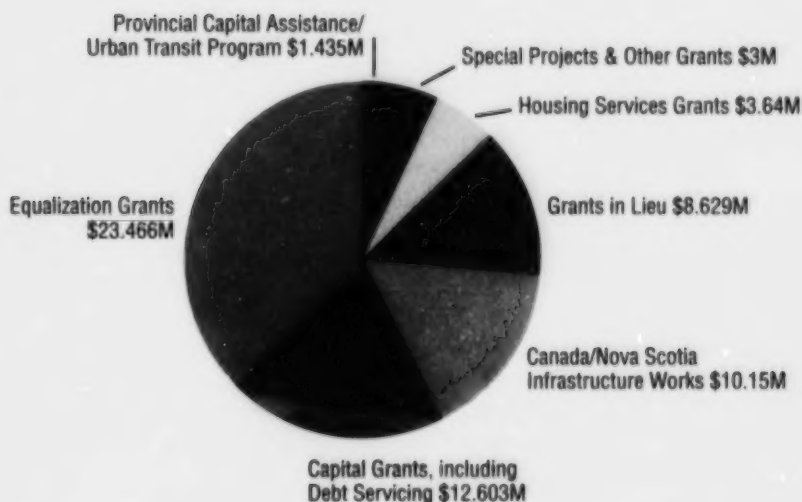
(in millions of dollars)

**1998-99 Actual****ORDINARY EXPENDITURES**

Municipal Grants Act	
Equalization Grants	23.466
Debt Servicing	2.847
Grant in Lieu	8.629
Special Projects & Other Grants	3.000
Housing Services Grants	3.64
<b>Total Ordinary Expenditures</b>	<b>41.582</b>

**NET CAPITAL EXPENDITURES**

Provincial Capital Assistance	1.290
Municipal Grants—Capital	9.756
Urban Transit Program	0.145
Canada/NS Infrastructure Program	10.150
<b>Total Net Capital Expenditures</b>	<b>21.341</b>

**Grant Programs**

**HOUSING SERVICES—PROGRAM REPORT**

<b>Program</b>	<b>1998-99</b>	<b>Units</b>
Family Modest Housing	\$1,779,183	28 housing units
Small Loans (SLAP)	\$1,154,612	270
Parent Apartment	\$28,200	2
Access-A-Home	\$89,632	52
Provincial Housing	\$1,931,856	862
Emergency Repair (PHERP)		
Senior Citizen Assistance (SCAP)	\$1,517,231	706
Home Adaptation	\$346,398	149
for Seniors Independence (HASI)		
Forgivable Residential	\$7,620,126*	795
Rehabilitation Assistance (RRAP)		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,467,238*</b>	<b>28 new housing 2,836 repaired housing units</b>

\*This includes an extraordinary additional year-end allocation from the federal government of \$3.1 million.

<b>Social Housing</b>	<b>Number of Units</b>
Public Housing Units	12,469
(Including rent supplement units)	(approximately 7,700 senior and approximately 4,650 family units)
Cooperatives	1,943
Non Profits	5,778
Rural and Native Housing	1,870
(Social Housing under Federal/Provincial Agreement)	
Rent Supplement Units	796
<b>Total Units</b>	<b>22,668</b>

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Municipal Act  
Municipal Affairs Act  
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Municipal Elections Act  
Municipal Finance Corporation Act  
Municipal Grants Act  
Municipal Housing Corporations Act  
Municipal Loan and Building Fund Act  
Personal Property Security Act  
Planning Act  
Queens Regional Municipality Act (private Act)  
Regional Municipalities Act  
Regional Transit Authority Act  
Registry Act  
Rural Fire District Act  
Shopping Centre Development Act  
Towns Act  
Village Service Act

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<b>Regional Municipalities</b>	<b>Towns</b>	<b>Rural Municipalities</b>
Cape Breton Regional Municipality	Amherst Annapolis Royal Antigonish Berwick	County of Annapolis County of Antigonish District of Argyle District of Barrington
Halifax Regional Municipality	Bridgetown Bridgewater Canso Clark's Harbour	District of Chester District of Clare County of Colchester County of Cumberland
Region of Queens Municipality	Digby Hantsport Kentville Lockeport Lunenburg Mahone Bay Middleton Mulgrave New Glasgow Oxford Parrsboro Pictou Port Hawkesbury Shelburne Springhill Stellarton Stewiacke Trenton Truro Westville Windsor Wolfville Yarmouth	District of Digby District of Guysborough District of East Hants District of West Hants County of Inverness County of Kings District of Lunenburg County of Pictou County of Richmond District of Shelburne District of St. Mary's County of Victoria District of Yarmouth

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